

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A laminate for use as a seal film for sealing an electrolyte of a battery ~~such as a secondary battery~~ or as a protective film for protecting an electrode of a battery, comprising

a an oxidatively or chemically surface-treated metal layer,  
~~a surface-treated layer formed over a surface of the metal layer by chemical or oxidative treatment of the metal,~~ and a layer of an adhesive resin comprised of a polyolefin modified by a carboxyl group or a derivative thereof, formed over the said surface-treated metal layer.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The laminate as claimed in claim 1, wherein the metal layer is comprised of one or more metals selected from the group consisting of aluminum, nickel, copper, iron and alloys thereof.

6-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The laminate as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive resin is a graft-modified polyolefin resin obtained by graft-copolymerizing a polyolefin resin with an ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid.

9. (Previously Presented) The laminate as claimed in claim 8, wherein the graft-modified polyolefin resin is a graft-modified polyethylene resin or a graft-modified polypropylene resin.

10-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) A seal film for sealing an electrolyte of a battery or a protective film for protecting an electrode of a battery, which film is made from the laminate as claimed in claim 1.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A seal film for sealing an electrolyte of a secondary battery or a protective film for protecting an electrode of a secondary battery, which film is made from the laminate as claimed in claim 3 1.

17-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) The laminate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said chemical treatment comprises treatment with an acid.

26. (Previously Presented) The laminate as claimed in claim 25, wherein said acid is selected from the group consisting of chromic acid, phosphoric acid, and mixtures thereof.

27. (Previously Presented) The laminate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said oxidative treatment comprises anodic oxidation.

28-29. (Cancelled)